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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Applicant herein seeks to amend the above referenced application as shown below, prior to the first examination and action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

**In the Title:**

Please delete the title and substitute therefor:

--STREPTOCOCCUS EQUISIMILIS HYALURONAN/ SYNTHASE GENE AND  
EXPRESSION THEREOF IN BACILLUS SUBTILIS--.